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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDL. FEE
x 9=	\$
x 42=	\$
x 140=	\$
TOTAL	\$ 0.00

OR

OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDL. FEE
x 18=	\$
x 84=	\$420.00
x 280=	\$
TOTAL	\$ 420.00

OR

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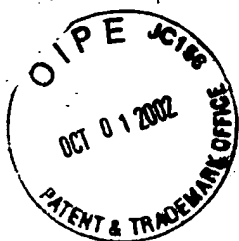
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to an office action mailed June 26, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for entry in the above-referenced application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-8 and 10-14;

Please add new claims 15-31 as follows:

15. A process for the oxidation of a starch, comprising
- treating a root or tuber starch comprising at least 95 wt.% of amylopectin, based on dry substance of the starch, with an alkali metal hypochlorite, at a pH between 6.5 and 8.5, to form an oxidized starch product; and
 - subjecting the oxidized starch product to an alkaline treatment, wherein the alkaline treatment comprises keeping the oxidized starch product at a temperature of 20-50°C and a pH higher than 10, for at least 15 minutes.